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SUBJ: CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH POLICE COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: THE PORT OF SPAIN CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS APRIL 30- MAY 6 PROVIDED A USEFUL OCCASION FOR IMPROVING OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS IN DEALING WITH CRIME IN THE AREA. TWO US OFFICIALS SPOKE RESPECTIVELY ON HIJACKING AND NARCOTICS CONTROL.

2. THE COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES MET IN TRINIDAD APRIL 30 TO MAY 6 TO DISCUSS MEANS OF IMPROVING THEIR OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST CRIME IN THE CARIBBEAN. REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED FROM ANTIGUA, BARBADOS, BRITISH HONDURAS, DOMINICA, GUYANA, JAMAICA, MONTERRAT, ST. KITTS, NEVIS AND ANGUILLA, ST. LUCIA, ST. VINCENT, SURINAM AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. THE BAHAMAS, BERMUDA AND GRENADA DID NOT SEND DELEGATES BECAUSE OF PRESSING PROBLEMS IN THEIR HOME AREAS.

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3. MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY PITT'S OPENING SPEECH FOCUSED ON THE INCREASING INTERNATIONAL ORIGIN AND ORGANIZATION OF CRIME AND SPECIFICALLY WARNED OF THE DANGER OF CRIME CLOAKED IN POLITICAL IDEOLOGY. POLICE COMMISSIONER BERNARD, THE CONVENOR OF THE CONFERENCE, SAID THE SCOPE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CRIMINAL IN THE SPACE AGE RECOGNIZE NO FRONTIERS, THEREBY COMPOUNDING THE DIFFICULTIES OF POLICE AT A TIME WHEN THEY ARE UNDER ATTACK FROM ONE SIDE FOR ENFORCING THE LAW TOO VIGOROUSLY AND FROM THE OTHER SIDE FOR ENFORCING THE LAW WITH INSUFFICIENT VIGOR. HE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE ACCUMULATED BY POLICE THROUGHOUT THE CARIBBEAN BE USEFULLY EXPLOITED BY ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL POLICE TRAINING COLLEGE FOR SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS AND A REGIONAL POLICE LABORATORY.

4. PAPERS WERE PRESENTED BY VARIOUS POLICE OFFICIALS ON "CRIME AND CRIME PREVENTION," "THE GROWING USE OF FIREARMS AS AN ADJUNCT IN POLICE WORK," "UTILIZATION OF MANPOWER," "EXTRADITION- FUGITIVE OFFENDERS ACT," "NEED FOR A REGIONAL POLICE FORENSIC LABORATORY," "THE CRIMINAL AS A PRODUCT OF ENVIRONMENT," AND THE "USE AND ABUSE OF DRUGS."

5. THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM RECEIVED HIGH PRIORITY ATTENTION. MR. V. BUNTIN, DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER OF JAMAICA DESCRIBED THE PROBLEM AS "CANCEROUS" FOR THE CARIBBEAN AND RECOMMENDED THE USE OF DETECTOR DOGS AS A RESULT OF JAMAICA'S EXPERIENCE WITH DOGS IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES. PAUL D. HERRING, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE BNDD OFFICE IN CARACAS, TALKED ON NARCOTICS CONTROL MEASURES. HIS EXCELLENT PRESENTATION WAS WELL RECEIVED AND HE WAS ASKED TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNED TO DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CURBING DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROLLING NARCOTICS SMUGGLING.

6. CLARENCE E. SHAFFER OF THE FAA'S SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE IN ATLANTA GAVE A POLISHED PRESENTATION ON ANTI- HIJACKING MEASURES. HE TOO WAS ASKED TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE DRAFTING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SUBJECT. THE AMBASSADOR AND THE EMBASSY'S NARCOTICS COORDINATOR ATTENDED THESE TWO PRESENTATIONS.

7. FOLLOWING THE VARIOUS PRESENTATIONS, COMMITTEES OF  
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COMMISSIONERS OF EACH OF THEIR POLICE SERVICES AND COORDINATION AND COOPERATION AMONG THEM. WHILE SOME PRIVATELY COMPLAINED THAT THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE WAS TOO STRENUOUS, ALL AGREED THAT IT WAS USEFUL TO SWAP EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS AND THE THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD ANNUALLY.

8. THE COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS FIRST SUCH

CONFERENCE BECOME AN ANNUAL AFFAIR AND THAT THE NEXT  
CONFERENCE BE HELD IN MAY 1974 IN JAMAICA. ANOTHER PROGRAM  
FOR ACHIEVING CLOSER COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG THE  
CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED-

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